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SUBJECT: ENI INTEREST IN BILATERAL SOLAR COOPERATION AND NUCLEAR  
POLICY

1. ON APRIL 22, 1977, DR. GIUSEPPE BENEVOLO, MR. D. RAGUSA  
OF ENTE NAZIONALE IDROCARBURI (ENI) OF ITALY, ALONG WITH THE  
ENI REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS, DR. ENRICO BATTAGLINI, CAME  
TO BRUSSELS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ERDA REPRESENTATIVES AT  
THE US MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. THE TOPICS DIS-  
CUSSED WERE SOLAR ENERGY R AND D COOPERATION AND THE  
NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY OF THE US. DR. BENEVOLO AND MR. RAGUSA  
ARE INVOLVED IN LONG-RANGE ENERGY PLANNING FOR ENI. DR. BENEVOLO  
APPEARED TO BE HIGH WITHIN THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF ENI.

2. THEY EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT ALTHOUGH THEY WERE  
PARTICIPATING IN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS IN THE IEA THEY WERE  
DISPLEASED WITH THE RATE OF PROGRESS BEING MADE AND THE LOW  
PERCENTAGE SHARE THEY GOT OF THE SOLAR POWER PLANT PROJECT IN  
SPAIN. THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS  
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WITH ERDA'S SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAMS WITH A FUTURE VIEW OF ES-  
TABLISHING BILATERAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. DR. BENEVOLO PLANS TO BE  
IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE FOR JUST THIS PURPOSE. NO OTHER DETAILS  
OF HIS TRIP ARE KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

3. THEY WERE VERY INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF MISSION HAD ADDITIONAL  
DETAILS ON THE PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR POWER POLICY STATEMENT,

ESPECIALLY: (1) WHAT WOULD THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NEW ENRICHMENT CONTRACTS BE? (2) WOULD US APPROVAL BE NECESSARY FOR REPROCESSING OF US ORIGIN SPENT FUEL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY? (3) WOULD THE US GRANT APPROVAL FOR REPROCESSING OF US ORIGIN FUEL IN THE COMMUNITY SENT FROM NON-COMMUNITY COUNTRIES? MISSION INFORMED THEM THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS NOW BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER ACTIVE POLICY REVIEW.

4. THE ENI REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT PLUTONIUM RECYCLE WAS IMPORTANT FOR ITALY TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON EXTERNAL ENERGY SUPPLIES. THEY POINTED OUT THAT ITALY HAS RE-PROCESSING CAPABILITIES, AND IS DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH FRANCE'S ENRICHMENT AND FAST BREEDER REACTOR EFFORTS. THEY DID NOT THINK THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT ITALY WOULD TURN AWAY FROM ITS PRESENT COMMITMENT. THEY ALSO OPINED THAT IF US POLICY WAS SUCH THAT IT FORCED THEM TO FOREGO THE PLUTONIUM RECYCLE OPTION, THEY WOULD BE FORCED INTO A GREATER RELIANCE ON FRANCE. HINTON

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